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GENERAL PLAN
FOR
CITY OF LOYALTON

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City planning Loyalton

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OBJECTIVES OF THE GENERAL PLAN

The City Council and Planning Commission met in a joint session and the following goals were suggested:

1. Provide for expansion of the city.
2. Residential development.
3. Commercial development area.
4. Proposed industrial park.
5. Completion of existing street plan.
6. Park and recreational development.
7. Updating water and sewer distribution.
8. Fire protection.
9. Police protection.
10. City government.
11. Population projection.
12. Airport facilities.
13. Library facilities.

The General Plan is developed from the above goals to be used as an advisory, not mandatory guide for citizens and planners, as well as the basis for city ordinances.

INTRODUCTION AND HISTORY OF LOYALTON

The city of Loyalton was incorporated in 1901 and is located in the Northeast corner of Sierra County. It is the only incorporated city in Sierra County. Loyalton is governed by the City Council system which consists of five members, one of which serves as Mayor. The serving area of Loyalton encompasses the eastern half of Sierra County and parts of Plumas and Lassen Counties. The economy is predominately dependent on the lumber and agriculture industries.

MAJOR PROPOSALS AND RECOMMENDATION OF THE

GENERAL PLAN

Residential: Although there is a lack of population density variations, some attempt should be made to divide the city into specific density areas.

Commercial: A major proposal of the plan is to retain the existing downtown as the community shopping center. Modernization and expansion is recommended and specific emphasis should be made to exclude all residential developments from Main street and to phase out existing housing.

Industrial: The plan shows a proposed Industrial Park Development. A variety of uses including warehousing, distributing facilities, and light manufacturing should be acceptable in this area.

Streets: The plan shows present street systems within the City of Loyalton. The present plan for systematic resurfacing together with a complete curb and gutter installation should be pursued to its completion. Continuing studies will indicate the standards to which the street system should be developed in the future.

Public Facilities: Land adjoining the High School property is to be annexed to the city and a ten acre public Park and Recreational Facility is to be constructed incorporating the following:

1. Swimming and wading pools.
2. Baseball diamond.
3. Playground.
4. Picnic and barbeque area.
5. Tennis court.
6. Horse shoe court.
7. Nature study area.

The plan for replacement of the water distribution system and adequate storage facilities should be completed. Continuing studies of the water and sewer systems is recommended to meet the needs of a growing population.

GENERAL PLAN

Maps may be found at the end of this report showing present city boundaries and projected growth areas. Proposals for the future growth of Loyalton are set forth below.

A. Land Use.

1. It is recommended that a specific residential density requirement be established in the City of Loyalton.
2. Develop the commercial area along Main Street and phase out existing family dwellings.
3. Secure land and develop the proposed Industrial Park as designated on the future growth map.

B. Recreation.

1. Extensive development of the proposed ten acre Park site.
2. Existing and future schools in the Loyalton area should be used to supply active recreation sites for school age children.
3. Additional Parks are not proposed in this plan due to the fact nearly all recreation demands of local residents can be satisfied by the facilities listed. There is also a wealth of natural recreational facilities in the immediate area.

C. Education.

1. Three school buildings with twenty-six teachers.
2. Present enrollment is approximately 560.
3. It is recommended that any additions to present classroom facilities be located in the area of the Elementary and High School buildings and that the present wood frame Primary building be phased out.

D. Library Facilities.

1. County Library System is worked in conjunction with the Plumas County System. The present facility in Loyalton is a branch of this unit.
2. An immediate study should be made regarding the extension of library hours and a greater selection of books should be made available to the public.

E. Airports.

1. Loyalton has an unlicensed, unsurfaced airstrip.
2. An improved field is needed to serve the Loyalton area at all times for vacationers, small business planes and medical evacuation.

F. Highways.

1. State Highway 49 will be adequate to handle the projected increase in traffic.

G. City Streets.

1. Present street system should be adequate providing the resurfacing and curb and gutter project is completed.
2. It is strongly recommended that an effective preventive maintenance program be adopted for city streets.
3. Develop a system for naming the streets within the City of Loyalton, and provide appropriate signs.

H. Fire Protection.

1. Loyalton is served by a volunteer Fire Department consisting of 19 members and 3 trucks.
2. The district now has a NBC7 fire protection rating.
3. Future plans should include the feasibility of a full time employee to maintain the fire equipment and man the rescue and ambulance vehicles.

I. Hospital.

1. Opened in 1952 and serves basically Sierra Valley Hospital District that was formed in 1946, as well as other persons that require hospital care.
2. It is a ten bed general hospital.
3. Close attention should be paid to population growth in Loyalton and the surrounding area to anticipate future hospital needs. With even minimal growth, twelve acute beds should be provided. Present hospital building will require considerable modernization within the next few years. Early consideration should be given for development of nursing home beds in conjunction with the overall hospital plan. There are no nursing home facilities presently available in Sierra County.

J. Police Protection.

1. Work toward eventually having a full time City Police Force.
2. Until the above can be accomplished, Sheriff's office should increase coverage possibly through the use of part time local reserve deputies.

K. City Government.

1. Newly constructed City Hall is adequate to meet the present and projected needs.
2. As city grows, consideration should be given to employ a City Manager.

L. Population.

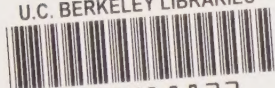
- 1. 1940 - 925
- 1950 - 911
- 1960 - 936
- 1970 - 945
- *1980 - 1100
- *1990 - 1300
- *2000 - 1500

*Estimate

- 2. The above projection is based on State growth, County growth, and the local population trend in the last ten years.

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